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DIVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of Serial No. 09/976,383, filed on October 11, 2001 entitled AUTO-RELIEVING PRESSURE MODULATING VALVE by the following inventor(s):

Full Name Of Inventor	Family Name	First Given Name	Second Given Name
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1. Enclosed is the application; including the specification, claims, drawings, a signed oath or declaration from the prior application. The continuing application is as follows: 11 pages of specification, 5 claims, 1 page of abstract, 8 sheets of formal drawings, and 4 pages of oath or declaration.
2. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
2. Cancel original claims of this application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

3. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED

NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS: 5	-20	0	x \$18.00	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 1	-3	0	x \$18.00	0.00
			BASIC FILING FEE:	\$750.00
			TOTAL FILING FEE:	\$750.00

Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27.

4. Payment of fees:
 Attached is a check in the amount of \$750.00
 Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725.
5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.
6. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
7. A set of formal drawings (sheets) is enclosed.
8. Priority of application Serial No. , filed on in , is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
 The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. , filed .
9. The prior application is assigned of record to MICO, Inc. located at North Mankato, Minnesota.
10. The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

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11. A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
 Fee for excess claims is attached.
12. A petition and fee has been filed to extend the term in the prior application until . A copy of the petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.
13. The inventor(s) in this application are less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:

14. A Nonpublication Request under 37 CFR 1.213(a) is enclosed.
15. Also Enclosed: Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449
16. Address all future communications to the **Attention of Karen A. Fitzsimmons** (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.
17. A return postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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